

Division of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Workforce Development: Pediatric Pulmonary Centers (PPCs)

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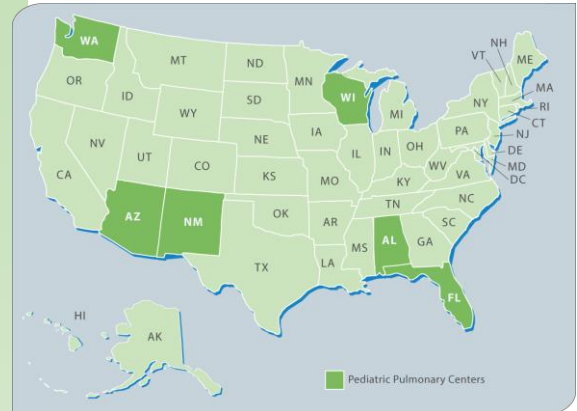
The mission of the Pediatric Pulmonary Centers (PPCs) is to develop interdisciplinary leaders who will improve the health of children with respiratory conditions through the provision of family-centered care. These training programs aim to promote comprehensive, coordinated, family centered, and culturally sensitive systems of health care that serve the diverse needs of all families within their communities. PPC traineeships are available in pulmonary medicine, nursing, nutrition, pharmacy, respiratory care, physical therapy, and social work. Funding is available for long term traineeships of at least 300 hours of clinical and didactic experience.

PURPOSE

1. To provide interdisciplinary leadership training for graduate and postgraduate health professionals.
2. To offer services to children by facilitating family-centered, community-based culturally appropriate comprehensive care.
3. To pursue basic science and clinical research relevant to pediatric lung diseases.
4. To provide consultation and technical assistance in the planning and implementation of MCH services at the local, state, regional, and national levels.

PROGRAM PROFILE

MCHB currently funds six (6) programs with annual grant awards totaling approximately \$2 million. The average grant amount is \$333,642. The next competition for PPCs is anticipated to occur in FY 2015.



PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Alabama

[University of Alabama, Birmingham](#)

Arizona

[University of Arizona, Tucson](#)

Florida

[University of Florida, Gainesville](#)

New Mexico

[University of New Mexico, Albuquerque](#)

Washington

[University of Washington, Seattle](#)

Wisconsin

[University of Wisconsin, Madison](#)

Program Impact

- ▶ **Trainees.** In FY2011, the PPC training program trained 38 long-term trainees, 244 medium-term trainees, and 247 short-term trainees. Almost 22% of long-term trainees are from underrepresented racial groups and 13.5% are from underrepresented ethnic groups.
- ▶ In FY 2011, almost 77% of PPC program graduates (5 years following completion of program) are engaged in work related to MCH populations and over 88% demonstrated field leadership in academic, clinical, public health practice, and/or public policy and advocacy activities.
- ▶ **Faculty.** PPC faculty develop partnerships with community health care settings, schools, advocacy groups, and government agencies to teach clinical and leadership skills to trainees in a variety of settings and roles.
- ▶ **Title V.** In FY 2011, PPC training programs reported collaborating with State Title V (MCH) agencies or other MCH-related programs on almost 2,180 activities in areas of service, training, continuing education, technical assistance, product development and research.

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